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SUBJECT: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NOMAN TO REPRESENT ROYG IN SANTIAGO

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[1](#)1. Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Deputy Foreign Minister Mustafa Noman on April 13. Noman was please that Secretary Rice would attend the April 28-30 Community of

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Democracies (CD) Ministerial in Santiago, commenting that her participation would draw attention to important issues affecting emerging democracies. The DFM said he will be the ROYG representative to the meeting, as Foreign Minister Qirbi will be traveling with President Saleh to South Korea.

[1](#)2. Noman discussed the idea of a regional democracy charter, proposed by former Prime Minister and founder of NGO the Cultural Bridges Forum Dr. Iryani during the February 23-25 visit of U/S Dobriansky to Sanaa. Noman said he did not believe Iryani's idea has yet been fully developed, however, he is aware of U.S. support and promised to flush out the concept with the former PM in advance of Ambassador's meeting with Iryani early next week.
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